

COPY**~~INSPECTOR FOR COMPUTED RELEVANCE MESSAGING~~****METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING THE
PROPERTIES OF A COMPUTER**

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ABSTRACT

10 The invention disclosed herein enables a collection of computers and associated
communications infrastructure to offer a new communications process which allows
information providers to broadcast information to a population of information
consumers. The information may be targeted to those consumers who have a precisely
formulated need for the information. This targeting may be based on information which
is inaccessible to other communications protocols. The targeting also includes a time
15 element. Information can be brought to the attention of the consumer precisely when it
has become applicable, which may occur immediately upon receipt of the message, but
may also occur long after the message arrives. The communications process may
operate without intruding on consumers who do not exhibit the precisely-specified need
for the information, and it may operate without compromising the security or privacy of
20 the consumers who participate.